

Index to Interview with Mme. Jacqueline Sheridan,
President Emerita, Causeries françaises, 10/26/83

Time Topic

0.0 Lead. Interviewer -- A. Kingsnorth. Language -- English. Setting -- subject's home. Interruptions -- minimal, occasional background sounds, including chimes of elegant grandfather clock.

Nature of French Community in Sacto. Is there a French community in Sacramento? *
French are not joiners. Problematic for the local clubs; Causeries françaises includes a large number of francophile, non-French members. Large number of French women in the area married to military males, who do not join the club, despite their stated desire to speak French.

3½ L'Union gauloise does succeed in enlisting males to play boules and cards.

4½ French are not numerous in Sacramento *
Classifies local French people into two categories: highly educated, research oriented and the true immigrant seeking upward mobility.

Americanization 6.0 Discusses Americanization, loss of French enculturation in some long term residents.

Second Generation 7.0 Second generation. Frequently acquire an interest in French culture in their teens. Not a cohesive group. C.f. not successful at incorporating the second generation. *

Third Generation 12.0 Third generation *
Break. Question about specific family deemed unsuitable for tape.

Re-enculturation 12½ Re-enculturation in French culture--methods.

Immigration 15½ Sources of present population --post World War II and from depressed areas of France such as the South West. "Immigrants" are more recent.

Female dominated Community 18.0 Present community is female dominated. Problematic for some club activities such as mounting plays. *

19.0 Importance of cooking as expression of culture. Self-taught techniques utilized professionally in France. Raspberry vinegar. *

21.0 Teas *

Lack of Religious Institutions 23½ Religion. Lack of unifying French church in Sacramento. *
Some priests hear confession in French, but unable to specify. (Researcher comment; key members of the community are protestants and Jewish.)

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S.F.	25.0	Relationship to San Francisco community Bastille Day. Basques.	
Lack of local Newspaper	27.1/2	Lack of French newspaper locally. Mention San Francisco paper serves the local community. (Interviewer comment; this is Journal Francais d'Amerique, which to the interviewer's knowledge is read by non-participants in the local community as well. The subject mentions a New York paper that deals with Franco-American issues and the local club newsletters. The latter are very literally one page personalized letters produced irregularly four to six times annually containing reminders of an up-coming event, a thank you to the hostess or arranger of a previous event and condolences or obituaries.)	
Non-joiners	28 1/2	French non-joiners. Moliere play with approx. two hundred in attendance, but never seen again. "Ships passing in the night".	*
Radio- program	30 1/2	Local radio program of brief duration.	*
Newsletters	31 1/2	Newsletters	
Businesses	B.O.O	Discussion of services, businesses of local French people. Comment about the fact that many of the women who arrived after WWII have become professional academics.	*
	1 1/2	Boom in crepe and croissant shops impact. Still need a good baguette source.	*
Causeries françaises change in membership	3.0	History of Causeries françaises since the war. Originally composed of highly educated francophiles. Has become more of a generalized friendship club. Previously required two sponsors in order to join. Now an interest in things French is the only requirement. Change in numbers and increasing de-personalization. Impact-- need for great tolerance. Problems of finding programs of common interest. Older members accept need for new blood. Role of instructors in presenting positive image.	*
Calendar	10.0	Annual calendar of activities: September garden party -- family affair.	
	11 1/2	Monthly lectures	
	12 1/2	Christmas party	
	16	"Alouettes" choral group	
	16 1/2	Mardi gras -- masked ball	
	19 1/2	Play used to be traditional -- demanding rehearsals. Mme. Guigner	

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22½	Musical program organized by subject. (Interviewer comment; subject is grantsperson for the Sacramento Opera Association and extremely involved in the current movement to provide an on-going opera season in Sacramento.)	
23.0	Late spring picnic ends season. Usually at Furlan's ranch, Knights' Landing. (See report).	
24.0	Election of officers.	
25.0	Bastille Day. (Interviewer comment. Bastille Day has not traditionally been celebrated by Causeries françaises. locally, but rather in San Francisco. See also Bloch tape.)	
C.f. Structure	26.0	Structure of club's organization. Officers. Finances.
L'Union gauloise	28.0	L'Union gauloise relationship to Causeries françaises. *
		French non-joiners. Problematic given two clubs in so small a community. *
		Good relationships. Tape cut off with discussion of mutual membership agreement between the clubs, and thanks.
	*	Indicates tied into report
C.f.		Causeries françaises, sixty year old French language and culture club
		L'Union gauloise is a four year old French club.